



# Club Newsletter

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## FROM THE COMMODORE

The new season is upon us and I'm sure your boats are either being prepared or ready for action. Fastflow has now been passed to her new owners, Jim and Elaine Parker. They previously owned a Princess and I think they are finding the new boat a different animal in terms of sea keeping and comfort. We welcome them to the club and hope they will share some of their experiences with us as they get to know the boat.

I have bought a half share (with a friend) in a fast game fishing boat based in Tenerife. She is a Faeton Moraga 11.80 flybridge fast fishing boat and by no means as comfortable or luxurious as Fastflow. However she fits in with our plans to spend more time cruising around the islands.

This puts me in a rather difficult position as you can't really have a Commodore who doesn't own an Aquastar and I plan to resign my position as soon as a replacement can be found. In the meantime, with your agreement, I will continue to manage the affairs of the club. I will still be around and plan to do my usual stint at the Southampton Boat Show where I hope to see as many of you as possible. Also I will be continuing with my boat delivery work and am particularly keen to help with delivery of Aquastars, particularly as I now no longer own one!

Your job now is to consider whether you, or another member, would be prepared to take on the job. All it takes is a computer (which I know you all have) and a little bit of time. The rewards are significant and during my time I have had the privilege of seeing and discussing Aquastars with so many of you. It is important that someone steps in so that we can keep this very agreeable club active. There are several of you who would do a better job than me. Why not volunteer and save the embarrassment of me turning up and pushing a dozen ties and burgees along with some rather shaky accounts through your letterbox?

We ran the 'Cripple Cruising and Hopalong Holidays' article from Mike Godwin in the last newsletter. Well Mike has been hard at work and is on the point of setting off on his adventure with Dave Thomas in his Aquastar 38 which has really been well prepared with new generator, air-conditioning and many updates which will make her ideal for the planned extended cruise. I met him for lunch the other day (along with Jim and Elaine, the new Fastflow owners). He told me that another boat owner on the marina had told him he was too old to be embarking on such a trip. He responded by saying he and Dave were not yet ready for pipe and slippers but they may consider towing a coffin just in case!

They are a great couple of chaps who bring real colour to the marina and the club and we wish them well for their adventure.

## **The 2015 Rally 15<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2015**

Last time I said that I don't think anything is going to happen with the sale of Fastflow very quickly and that I'd be around. Well I will be around but I'm not sure what in!

I've done some more thinking and have put the attached draft programme together, bearing in mind of course that new management may have different ideas.

Several of you want to attend the final of the National Fireworks competition which is to be held in Plymouth on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of August so we will include this location and date. It follows therefore that the rally will begin on the Friday/Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> of August until the 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup>. This would also take in The Fowey Regatta and possibly 2 performances by the Red Arrows!

I thought the Dartmouth start to the rally was good and would be happy there. This would (hopefully) mean the start was a little bit closer to those of you who travel from points east.

Now is the time for your comments and expressions of interest please!

### **News from the Yard**

I visited Geoff at the yard recently. The new 430 in build for a Guernsey customer is looking splendid. This one has just a single upper helm and the layout below provides first class accommodation. There are a number of vessel refurbishments going on and the hull and deck of the next 430 is being moulded. The standard of workmanship by this skilled workforce is just superb.

Gavin and Caroline Crick's beautiful 45, Patience, is having new teak decks fitted. I have always admired this boat and I see that she is now on the market with Geoff as a result of Gavin and Caroline's change of circumstances.

### **Membership News**

We are pleased to welcome the following new members to the club:

Jim & Elaine Parker – 118 Aft cabin, Fastflow!

Roo and Kath Redwood have sold Water Bear. This is something of a disappointment to me as I was hoping to join them on board periodically during the summer months. They've gone and bought an apartment in Tenerife, just down the road from us. There's no getting away from some people!

As usual I have attached an up to date membership list. Please check your own entry and let me have any amendments or corrections, particularly if you can update me on the year you joined.

The following note from Simon:

*Hi Tony,*

*We are very reluctantly selling our much-loved boat – Cocos due to a change in family circumstances.*

*We know you did see her in the course of construction at Island Marine Craft's premises.*

*Being the Commodore of the Owners Club and generally being well connected with all things Aquastar, we were wondering whether you would know of anyone who might be interested in acquiring our unique vessel?*

*Kindest regards*

*Simon and Joss Craven-Wilkinson.*

I did indeed see the boat both during construction and after completion and can confirm that she is a splendid vessel. She can be viewed on the Aquastar website at <http://www.aquastar.gg/portfolio> (Ed).

## Regalia



We have some very good quality new club ties and these are available by post. Design is shown and the logo is woven into a dark blue tie and is very smart. Price is £15.

Burgees are still available at £15 for the small ones and £20 for the larger ones. These are also well made, sewn and come with the toggle and braid for attachment to your boat.

## PAYMENTS TO THE CLUB

Payments made electronically are convenient, much appreciated and keep our costs down. Please add a note to any payment confirming what it relates to (e.g. burgee, tie, subscription etc.).

Name of Account: The Aquastar Club;  
Sort Code: 20-68-10;  
Account Number: 43945057.

## ARE WE ADDRESSING YOU CORRECTLY?

Email is our preferred means of contacting you, it significantly reduces our costs and minimises the work required of your lazy Commodore to put the newsletter together and to provide attachments and it saves trees! So if you've received this newsletter through the post it means that **we don't have your up to date email address**. If that is the case we would be grateful if you would kindly let us have it (send it by email!).

Yours Aye

*Tony*

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## Aquastar Rally 2015

Date	First draft programme.
15 Aug Sat.	Boats arrive Dartmouth. 19:00 Welcome drinks and dinner at Dartmouth Yacht Club.
16 Aug Sun.	Cruise around Start Point to Salcombe (15NM) and pick up a visitors buoy or alongside a moored pontoon. Those of you who do not know Salcombe will like this attractive harbour and town with good pubs and restaurants.
17 Aug Mon.	River Yealm for a visit to Newton Ferrers where there are waterside pubs and a pleasant yacht club set in a beautiful valley. Anchor in Cellar bay or tie up on pontoon in river.
18 Aug Tues.	To Plymouth Mayflower Marina where Charles Bush, the MD has kindly offered half price berthing to Aquastar Club members attending the rally. The British Fireworks Championships are held on 18 <sup>th</sup> and 19 <sup>th</sup> of August. We plan to dine at Jolly Jack's, the Marina Restaurant then watch the fireworks from the water, anchored about 200m from the Mountbatten Pier.
19 Aug Wed.	There are many shoreside activities including visits to the historical parts of Plymouth, Royal Marines Barracks, Aquarium and many historic sites (including the gin distillery!). Anyone fancying a sail can borrow a Laser Pico sailing boat from Horizons, the local Children's charity (a small fee is involved) if enough are interested we can organise a 'Round the (Drakes) island race'. The Red Arrows perform over Plymouth Sound.
20 Aug Thurs.	Fowey (20NM), with perhaps a lunch stop at Polperro or Looe on the way. Fowey Regatta week is this week and if we miss the Red Arrows in Plymouth on Wednesday they perform again this evening. For the more active there's a fun run, harbour swimming races, gig racing and raft race. And the town's Floral Dance sees everyone dressed in white and bedecked with flowers, dancing though the town accompanied by a band (part of an ancient fertility ritual!).
21 Aug Fri.	For those who wish to venture further, a trip on to Mevagissey or the Helford River (23NM). Falmouth is a bustling seaside town. Alternatively the Helford river is a tranquil place and Frenchman's Creek (immortalised by Daphne Du Maurier) can be reached by tender.
22 Aug Sat.	Free time ashore in the morning. In the evening we hold our final supper together with prize giving and farewells
23 Aug Sun.	Depart.

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